

serving with him during all but two of those years. During his Senate service Bob Stafford became a national figure of stature, of vision and of courage in his leadership especially on environmental and education policy issues and legislation. His legacy endures in his many legislative achievements.

To honor our friend, Senator Jeffords and I introduced this legislation to name the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the Green Mountain National Forest as the "Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area." White Rocks is among his most beloved natural areas in Vermont, and Bob Stafford protected more land in our State than anyone who came before him. I know he and Helen could actually see the towering white cliff face of White Rocks Mountain from their home. By passing this legislation, the Senate honors our former colleague and our friend.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I join my colleague from Vermont, Senator LEAHY, in seeking to rename the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the Green Mountain National Forest of Vermont in honor of our great friend, and my mentor and predecessor, Robert T. Stafford.

Twenty-two years ago, Senator Stafford introduced the Vermont Wilderness Act of 1984 on behalf of himself and Senator LEAHY. Senator Stafford said at that time, "It is our intention to present this legislation to Vermonters and seek their comments . . . I am willing to listen to the voices of other Vermonters before a decision is made." And listen he did.

Senator Stafford then led Senator LEAHY and me back home to Vermont to hear from hundreds of our constituents. Their input changed the bill, and the result was the creation of the White Rocks National Recreation Area.

This magnificent, 36,000-acre recreation area exists because of Senator Stafford's insistence upon listening to Vermonters and seeing their views embodied in the law.

Senator Stafford's public service spanned four decades, and included six years as chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. Throughout his career, he proved himself a true steward of our environment. As he approached his retirement at the end of the 100th Congress, Senator Stafford gave a series of floor statements describing the environmental threats that faced our Nation.

On September 12, 1988, he said, "We humans have degraded the environment of our world, and now we must set ourselves on the path of reversing that course. It will not be an easy task to accomplish, but it is a necessary one . . . If only we can recognize this circumstance for what it is—an opportunity to redirect ourselves toward a brighter future—then setting ourselves to the task ahead will not be a burden, but a joy."

That was 18 years ago, and unfortunately, those threats remain very

much with us today. But it is my hope that the White Rocks recreation area, which Senator Stafford can look out upon from his home in Rutland, Vermont, will be a constant reminder of Senator Stafford's devotion to Vermont and his devotion to our environment.

No monument or statement or park renaming can do justice to the unparalleled contributions Senator Stafford has made to both Vermont and this Nation. Senator Stafford has been one of the most devoted, capable and accomplished public servants the Senate has ever known. That said, naming the White Rocks area after Senator Stafford is as fitting a tribute as I can imagine.

Just as the Wilderness Act of 1984 named the George Aiken Wilderness Area in honor of that great Vermont Senator, we seek to bestow the same honor upon Senator Stafford with the naming of the Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 2447) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2447

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ROBERT T. STAFFORD WHITE ROCKS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.

(a) REDESIGNATION.—The White Rocks National Recreation Area in the State of Vermont, as established by section 202 of the Vermont Wilderness Act of 1984 (16 U.S.C. 460nn-1), is redesignated as the "Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the recreation area referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area.

TEMPORARY INCREASE IN THE BORROWING AUTHORITY OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the chair now lay before the Senate the House message to accompany S. 2275.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message:

S. 2275

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 2275) entitled "An Act to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program", do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Flood Insurance Program Enhanced Borrowing Authority Act of 2006".

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN BORROWING AUTHORITY.

The first sentence of subsection (a) of section 1309 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4016(a)), as amended by the National Flood Insurance Program Further Enhanced Borrowing Authority Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-106; 119 Stat. 2288), is amended by striking "\$18,500,000,000" and inserting "\$20,775,000,000".

SEC. 3. EMERGENCY SPENDING.

Amendments made pursuant to this Act are designated as emergency spending, as provided under section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress).

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur in the House amendment, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PERMITTING USE OF THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA FOR A CEREMONY IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 350 received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 350) permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 350) was agreed to.

AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FUNDS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4826, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4826) to extend through December 31, 2006, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the